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SUBJ: ISRAEL'S WASHINGTON PRESS ON EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI  
NEGOTIATIONS

SUMMARY: ISRAEL'S WASHINGTON PRESS CONTINUES TO CONCEN-  
TRATE ON PROSPECTS FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SECOND-STAGE ISRAEL-  
EGYPT AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. JERUSALEM POST MARCH 4 FRONTPAGES BLITZER STORY  
IN WHICH " INFORMED SOURCES" CITE " SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICIALS" ASSESSMENT THAT SECRETARY'S MIDEAST VISIT WILL  
LAST TWO-THREE WEEKS, AND THAT THERE IS BETTER THAN 50 PER  
CENT CHANCE OF SUCCESS. THESE SAME SENIOR OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY  
DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND WHY CAIRO PRESS HAS RECENTLY PURLISHED  
SPATE OF OPTIMISTIC REPORTS THAT NEXT INTERIM AGREEMENT WAS  
VIRTUALLY WRAPPED UP. SOURCES ADD THAT SECRETARY IS MOST  
ANXIOUS TO REACH SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION DURING THIS JOURNEY  
OUT OF CONCERN THAT FURTHER DELAY COULD JEOPARDIZE  
NEGOTIATIONS. WASHINGTON'S FEAR IS THAT SADAT IS COMING  
UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE FROM RADICAL ARAB CAMP.  
HAARETZ' WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT MARGALIT REPORTS PRE-  
CISELY THE SAME STORY.

2. DAVAR'S CORRESPONDENT BARNEA, CITING " WASHINGTON  
DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" SAYS THAT SECRETARY HAS NO DEADLINE  
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FOR THE END OF HIS VISIT, BUT IS SAID TO THINK IN TERMS

OF TWO WEEKS; OTHER EXPERTS INCLUDING SISCO, EXPECT HIM  
TO NEED PERHAPS ANOTHER WEEK. WASHINGTON CIRCLES SPEAK  
HOPEFULLY OF AN 'EXODUS' OF ISRAELI TROOPS BEFORE PASSOVER  
EVE (MARCH 26).

3. ONLY OTHER US-BASED STORIES ARE A) REPLAY BY HAARETZ  
OF WASHINGTON STAR STORY THAT SECRETARY WILL CONCENTRATE  
HIS EFFORTS ON LONG TERM EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI SETTLEMENT; AND  
B) HAARETZ' REPLAY OF PERES' NEW YORK TIME INTERVIEW.  
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